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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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9 APRIL 1985 CHILE

COUNTRY: CHILE SUBJ: NON-V

NON-VIOLENT REACTION OF THE CHILEAN COMMUNIST PARTY TO

THE KIDNAPPING/MURDERS OF THREE PERSONS IN LATE MARCH

1985

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APRIL 1985

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- TEXT: 1. IN EARLY APRIL 1985,

  SAID THE PCCH CENTRAL

  COMMITTEE HAD DECIDED NOT TO RETALIATE WITH VIOLENT ACTS FOR

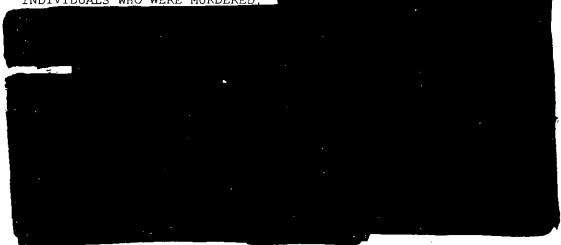
  THE MURDERS OF THREE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE BODIES WERE FOUND ON

  31 MARCH.

  SAID THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BELIEVES

  ANY ACT OF REPRISAL COULD RESULT IN A GOVERNMENT CRACKDOWN WHICH

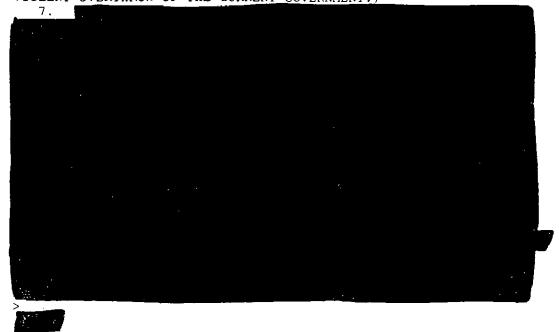
  THE PCCH COULD NOT SURVIVE AT THIS TIME.
- THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
  HAS CONCLUDED THAT AN EXTREME RIGHT-WING GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE
  FOR THE MURDERS WHICH IT VIEWS AS A PROVOCATION. THE TWO GROUPS
  POSSIBLY RESPONSIBLE IN THEIR OPINION ARE FOLLOWERS OF THE EXDIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DINA), RETIRED GENERAL MANUEL ((CONTRERAS)) SEPULVEDA; OR MEMBERS OF THE
  CHILEAN ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTION (ACHA), A RIGHT-WING COMMANDO
  GROUP. THE PCCH CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS IN AGREEMENT THAT CHILEAN
  PRESIDENT AUGUSTO ((PINOCHET)) UGARTE DID NOT ORDER THE MURDERS
  AND THAT THE NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER (CNI) WAS NOT KNOWINGLY
  INVOLVED.
- 3. THE PCCH CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS CONVINCED THAT THE MURDERS ARE CONNECTED TO THE 25 FEBRUARY KIDNAPPING AND SUBSEQUENT RELEASE OF RAMON ((ARRIAGADA)) ESCALANTE, A PCCH MEMBER OF THE OVERT POLITICAL WING OF THE PARTY. IN A REPORT MADE TO THE PCCH AFTER HIS RELEASE, ARRIAGADA SAID THAT DURING HIS ABDUCTION HE WAS FORCED TO GIVE HIS CAPTORS THE NAMES OF ALL THE PCCH MEMBERS HE KNEW AMONG THE NAMES ARRIAGADA GAVE HIS UNKNOWN ASSAILANTS, WERE THE THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE MURDERED,



5. AS A RESULT OF THE MURDERS AND THE FACT THAT ARRIAGADA HAS REVEALED THE NAMES OF OTHER PCCH MEMBERS, THE PCCH/CC HAS DECIDED TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE (GOC) THAT THERE WILL BE NO REPRISALS FORTHCOMING BY THE PCCH AGAINST THE GOC. TO THIS END, THE PCCH/CC IS ATTEMPTING TO SET UP A MEETING WITH A HIGH-RANKING GENERAL OR OTHER HIGH GOC OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE CC WOULD MAKE KNOWN THEIR DECISION AND TO EXPLAIN THEIR VIEWS OF WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED.

THE PCCH IS WILLING TO MEET WITH ANY HIGH-RANKING GENERAL OR OTHER GOC OFFICIAL. THE PCCH IS ANXIOUS TO ARRANGE THE MEETING BECAUSE OF ITS FEAR THAT WHOMEVER IS RESPON- SIBLE FOR THE MURDERS MAY NEXT KILL A HIGH-RANKING GOC OFFICIAL TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT THE PCCH IS TAKING VENGEANCE.

6. COMMENT: TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO VIOLENT RESPONSE TO THE TRIPLE MURDERS. THIS LACK OF VIOLENT RESPONSE ON THE PART OF THE PCCH AND ITS DESIRE TO MEET WITH GOC OFFICIALS IS A CURIOUS ATTITUDE FOR A PARTY WHAT IS COMMITTED TO THE VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT.)



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